



OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
24TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

PRESS RELEASE

Wednesday, November 5, 2014

Background

Following an investigation conducted by the Fishers Police Department, law enforcement officers have arrested Maxwell Hunt Winkler following the filing of a charge and the issuance of an arrest warrant.

The State charged Mr. Winkler with a single count of Murder, a felony. Although Mr. Winkler is only seventeen years of age, a charge of Murder is filed directly into adult court rather than subjected to a "waiver" process. The charge was filed with a Hamilton County judge in the early morning hours of November 4, 2014.

Update

Mr. Winkler had his initial hearing today in Hamilton Superior Court III. A plea of Not Guilty was entered on his behalf and will become a formal plea of Not Guilty after twenty days. Andrew Barker and James H. Voyles appeared as counsel for Mr. Winkler. The charge was filed this morning with the Hamilton County Clerk and will proceed under cause number 29D03-1411-MR-009033. Court dates have been set as follows:

- Omnibus / pretrial conference January 13, 2015
- Final pretrial conference March 2, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- Jury trial April 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Winkler remains held at the Hamilton County Jail without bail.

Probable cause was provided orally to the Court on November 4th; accordingly, an affidavit of probable cause is not available at this time. Until the probable cause hearings are transcribed and that transcript made available by the Court, no probable cause documents will be available.

Further inquiries about the litigation may be directed to Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Andre Miksha. Due to the likelihood of inquiries, the State provides this release. A copy of the charging information was made available in the release of [November 4th](#).

The fact that a defendant has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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